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Ms. Kathi Green
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Dear Ms. Green:

The U.S. Department of Energy/Rocky Flats Office (DOE/RFO) is currently in the process of scoping a biological assessment in preparation for formal consultation under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). The biological assessment will address the Standley Lake Bald eagles and will be prepared jointly by the cities of Broomfield and Westminster for the Standley Lake Water Diversion Project. In addition, DOE/RFO is currently conducting various site characterization and remediation activities in the vicinity of the eagle nesting site which include the installation and operation of air monitoring systems and herbicide spraying, respectively.

In February, 1993, the FWS Colorado State Office recommended that we utilize the services of Dr. Jerry Craig with the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) in Fort Collins, Colorado as an expert on Bald eagles. Dr. Craig's services will be needed for both formal and informal consultation with the FWS, review of the biological assessment and review of the FWS's biological opinion. In addition to document review, there will be various meetings in the Denver area including a field demonstration of the air monitoring system.

The DOE/RFO respectfully requests that Dr. Craig provide assistance for our Section 7 consultation under the ESA. Please note that we are aware of funding and staff limitations that exist at CDOW, and thus, we expect that Dr. Craig's services will be limited to what you feel he can provide given other responsibilities and priorities.

We look forward to working with Dr. Craig along with any additional CDOW staff members you feel it is appropriate to involve in our Section 7 consultation responsibilities. Any questions or concerns regarding this request should be directed to Bruce Thatcher of my staff at 966-3532.

Sincerely,

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